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I have no suitable clothes to wear. Poorly clothed  
at home, because I look like a beggar. A thousand  
times I have not had the means of dining, when  
nearly all my poor scholars were seated at  
table, I have recovered a crust of bread in the street.

One extreme poverty, which he favored  
himself did not hinder him from giving away  
what he possessed whenever occasion arose.  
One day he met in the street a poor man who begged  
an alms, and he appeared really worthy of help.  
He searched in his pockets, but did not find the  
worth of a halfpenny. <sup>much perplexed,</sup> He cast his eyes on the  
ground, seeking sight of the old silver buckle,  
on his shoes - such as it was the custom to  
use in those days. "These are unnecessary  
ornaments," said he, "I gave the silver buckle to  
the man." Another day, on seeing an old  
man shivering with cold, he took off his own  
coat to cover him. Again, it is told that, touched  
by the tears of a poor peasant who was pursued  
by an inexorable creditor, he gave <sup>him</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>from</sup>  
hundred francs which he had saved with difficulty.

Thus did Restatoppi give example to his  
pupils, this life was <sup>only</sup> better than his teaching.

St. John & Co.

No doubt it is a real test of friendship, but a friend is  
a hollow & selfish person who declines to help you  
because it gives him trouble. Compels him to ask a  
favor, & compels him under an obligation! What  
friendship exists for these things! After all, what  
you ask me to do for you most likely in some  
shape or other I may be obliged to ask you to do  
for me. I should be surprised if you were unwilling  
to do it. One of the conditions of having friends  
is, that we show ourselves friendly.

Society is another benefit of friendship. The  
charm of friendship is that it puts you at your  
ease, & does not compel you to speak when you  
have nothing to say. Sometimes the foundation of  
a life built up within you, sometimes the mind  
of silence takes its turn. The comfort of being  
with those who love you is, that you & they are  
free to please yourselves.

